

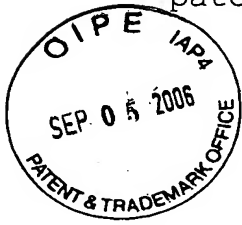
REMARKS

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the claims have been amended to recite that the nematic liquid crystal is not a chiral nematic liquid crystal. Support for this amendment can be found in paragraphs [0011] and [0022] of the present specification. No new matter has been added.

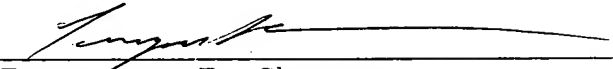
The Tanaka et al reference is directed to a high speed multiplex-driven liquid crystal display device which utilizes a chiral nematic liquid crystal medium. As discussed in the Background of the Invention in Tanaka et al, the aim of the invention disclosed there is to provide a liquid crystal display device which uses a liquid crystal medium other than a twisted nematic liquid crystal medium or a super twisted nematic liquid crystal medium with a chiral nematic liquid crystal medium being selected. Therefore, this reference teaches away from the presently claimed invention in which a chiral nematic liquid crystal is expressly excluded therefrom.

Additionally, in paragraph 7 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner states that the method of Tanaka et al requires the step of applying a first voltage corresponding to image data to the liquid crystal and that the first voltage is numeral 202 of Figure 2. Applicants wish to point out to the Examiner that in Tanaka et al, the voltage supplied to the liquid crystal is numeral 203, which is the sum of numerals 201 and 202. As a result, the voltage applied to the liquid crystal to lower its optical transmittance to the original value, that is to erase the image, varies between V_1 and $V_1 + V_2$. In the present invention, the voltage applied to the liquid crystal to erase the image is a constant voltage.

Therefore, the presently claimed invention clearly is patentably distinguishable over this reference.



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